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Government, DIP and SOGA sign preliminary agreement for expansion of Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital



Minister of Infrastructure and Integration signs

ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment, Benny Sevinger, welcomed board members of SOGA, *Stichting Onroerend Goed Aruba* (Aruba Foundation of Real Estate,) and Notary Ricardo Yarzagaray to the government press office in Oranjestad yesterday morning for the official signing over of lease land adjacent to the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, for the purpose of expansion of the facility.

Prime Minister Mike Eman was present to show his support for the project as this will be the first such significant renovations to the hospital in 30 years. Minister Sevinger

signed agreement on behalf of the government, while John

Hudson, President of the Board of SOGA, Friendsel Giel and Enid de Jonge, board members, signed on behalf of SOGA.

Two parcels of land have been obtained through the DIP. SOGA, a non-profit organization founded in 2005 by APFA, the retired civil servant's pension fund and the Aruba Investment Bank, will handle the tendering of bids for the construction and maintenance of the hospital as well as seeking the financing, once a bid has been accepted. This takes the process out of the public sector and is placing it into the private sector, before a board with greater expertise. This is a more feasible and efficient



John Hudson Pres of SOGA and Friendsel Giel of the board

method to advance with the improvements needed in the opinion of the parties involved, rather than using public.

Notary Yarzagaray prepared the papers for the acquisition of the two plots; one measuring 18,781 square meters, the other 13,940 square meters, for a total of 32,721, which will be leased at a cost of 50 Aruban florins per square meter annually. The lease for both plots will be 98,000 Aruban florins, annually.



Minister Sevinger shake hands with Notary Yarzagaray

by Rosalie Klein

Aruba Ports Authority Continues on the Rise



ORANJESTAD -- Cruise traffic continues to increase with August 2011 registering an impressive 10% increase! Year-to-date Aruba is marking an increase of 10.7% (388,307 passengers) in cruise traffic. This represents a monthly average of 2.3% or 48,538 passengers for 2011 compared to 2010. The 2010 year-to-date figures were 350,878 passengers and an average of 47,452 passengers monthly up to August.

The amount of ships calling also increased. There was an increase of 14.6% or 220 cruise ships in 2011 compared to 192 ships in 2010. This reflects an average increase of 5.1% per month or 28 ships for 2011 compared to 26 ships per month for 2010.

This most notable increases for the months of January to August was in the months of March and May. Cruise traffic registered an increase of 42.4% and 38.2% during these months.

It is perhaps important to remark that while cruise traffic to Aruba's ports is increasing, cruise traffic in the region is on the decline. An example of this is the traffic declines in Freeport, the Ba-

hamas -3%, in Bridgetown Barbados -8.6%, Cayman Islands -26.7%, Ocho Rios, Jamaica -55.9%, Cozumel, Mexico -19.9%, Mazatlan, Mexico -84.2%, and Puerto Vallarta -45.3%. Even the former cruise capital, the Miami port, registered a decrease of 16.8%!

One of the principal reasons for cruise traffic decline in Mexico is because of the fact that many cruise lines have stopped calling on Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta because of the lack of security in both of these ports.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica also lost cruise tourism because of the poor tourism product. This demonstrates how important it is for us to offer the best possible product to our cruise lines and passengers. The cruise capital of Miami lost her crown primarily because Port Everglades, in Ft. Lauderdale became the cruise capital of the world with many cruise lines using this port as "homeport" to the world.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

US military ban on gays to end Today

WASHINGTON (AFP) - After years of court battles and political debate, the US military will formally end its ban on openly gay troops today with little fanfare.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, will hold a news conference to coincide with the repeal but the Pentagon was taking a business-as-usual approach with no high-profile ceremonies or events planned, officials said.

After Congress voted in December to lift the ban, the military reviewed its policies

and had 2.25 million service members -- virtually the entire force -- undergo training to ensure a smooth transition, according to Little.

The 1993 law that will expire, known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," required gay and lesbian troops to keep quiet about their sexual orientation or face expulsion from the force.

Roughly 14,000 service members have been kicked out of the military under the rule.

Former president Bill Clinton backed lifting the ban altogether but after he met with strong opposition from commanders and lawmakers, he accepted the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" compromise.

Gay rights groups, including soldiers who were discharged under the rule, are holding celebrations across the country to mark the change.

Zeke Stokes, spokesman

for Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, said the change in the military's policy could help secure the eventual legalization of same-sex marriage.

"In the United States and perhaps around the world, the military tends to be one of the more conservative institutions in society," Stokes told AFP.

"For the military to embrace this, for the American people to see the military embrace this, make it work, see it work. I think it makes a difference in other civil rights issues.

"In every country where same-sex marriage is legal, open military service preceded it," he said.

Before Congress voted in December to repeal the ban, the military carried out a survey and found that most troops did not believe that allowing openly gay soldiers to serve would cause any major disruption.

Paraguay detects foot-and-mouth, halts beef exports

ASUNCION (AFP) - Paraguay ordered an immediate halt to beef exports Monday after detecting foot-and-mouth disease in cattle from a farm northeast of Asuncion, in a move that could devastate the country's cattle industry.

The discovery occurred during a test of 13 cows at a farm in San Pedro department some 400 kilometers (250 miles) from the capital Asuncion, according to national animal health inspectorate Senacsa.

"Meat exports are suspended for 80 days," said Senacsa spokesman Manuel Cardozo, citing codes set by

the International Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

At a news conference Monday, Paraguayan Meats Industry Chamber president Mari Llorens described the infectious outbreak as "a blow to the national economy."

Beef is the country's number two export, with \$650 million worth of exports last year.

Paraguay immediately communicated data about the foot-and-mouth detection to OIE, Senacsa said in a statement.

Paraguay last detected foot-and-mouth disease in 2002, when the South American nation also suspended beef exports.

Israel should recognise Palestine: Abbas



U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon meets with Mahmoud Abbas, President of the Palestinian Authority at the United Nations.

NEW YORK (AFP) - Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas on Monday urged Israel to recognise a Palestinian state and not "lose an opportunity for peace," ahead of a formal request for Palestinian UN membership this week.

The Palestinian leader also warned of "very difficult" times after Palestinians seek UN membership this week, as France's foreign minister feared an "explosion of violence" if no progress is made in the peace process.

Abbas arrived early Monday to join about 130 heads of state and government gathering ahead of the UN General Assembly in New York which is set to be overshadowed by his move for full UN recognition of a Palestinian state.

Israel strongly opposes the move and the United States has threatened to veto any approach by the Palestinians to the UN Security Council seeking backing for state recognition.

Abbas admitted he has been under international pressure over the Palestinian bid, which he intends to submit to UN

chief Ban Ki-moon after addressing the General Assembly.

There are multiple diplomatic efforts to try to reach a deal between the Palestinians, Israelis and Americans that would avoid a UN confrontation.

The United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations make up the diplomatic Quartet on the Middle East, whose envoy Tony Blair is seeking to mediate an accord.

Blair is seeking a statement that would advance recognition of a Palestinian state while drawing the Palestinians back into direct talks, which could placate the United States.

Israel says the UN bid is a Palestinian attempt to circumvent direct negotiations, which ground to a halt in September 2010 after Israel ended a moratorium on settlement construction in the occupied territories.

Abbas said he would not be deterred from going to the Security Council and blamed Israel for the peace talks deadlock.

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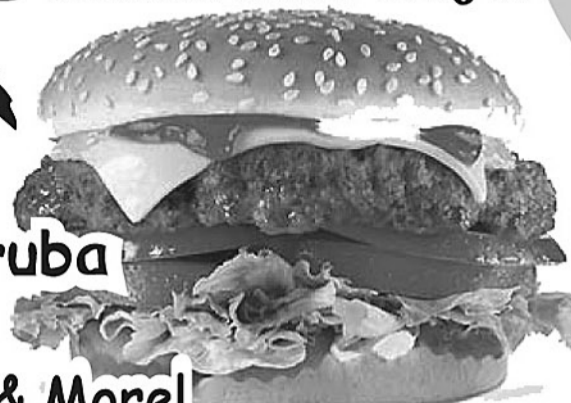
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Government in a retreat with BoBario group!



ORANJESTAD -- Last weekend the Aruba government spent quality time analyzing the process and progress of the BoBario program. The BoBario program is actually an integral part of a total program called "BoAruba."

Project Coordinator, Ruth Tromp, together with collaborators met at the National Park to evaluate what has been accomplished thus far, and what needs to be done to realize the full concept of the BoBario project.

One of the comments from different persons was... "unless everyone is directly involved we will not get very far with this project." In the Yuwana Morto barrio all the inhabitants are involved in

the renovation of their barrio.

The government intends to renovate 21 barrios on the island with the objective of creating a better livelihood for our citizens. One group of homes are already being renovated, the Yuwana Morto complex. This week a public tender is out for the main road in the Madiki barrio. The government has chosen to begin in these barrios because either the citizens in these barrios are organized or there are activities taking place on an ongoing basis.

The government intends to continue holding this type of retreats to get the feeling and thinking of the residents involved in the BoBario project.

Eight Employees move up the ladder!

ORANJESTAD -- Last Friday Minister Otmar Oduber was at Santa Rosa for a very special occasion. The occasion was the promotion of 8 employees who have been waiting several years for their promotion. In the presence of a large group of employees, members of the Management Team and staff of the Ministry of Tourism, Oduber addressed the group. Later he spent time visiting with each employee.

The Minister was extremely pleased with the progress and positive changes, which have transpired at Santa Rosa over the past months. He expressed gratitude to the employees for the important role each one played in achieving the positive changes.

Oduber remarked that, thanks to what the employees have done and are doing, the Center has become a household word among citizens. He made special mention of the Earth Day project, which drew a massive crowd from all across the island. This was then followed by the Santa Rosa Flea markets. More recently, the Local Food Fair is also an example of how the



Center is reaching out to the community.

In the lapse of two years the government has invested about 2 million Aruban florins to ensure that they have the necessary animals, the food, service and products for fishermen, and agriculture and livestock farmers.

The government also invested another half a million Aruban florins in work tools, new vehicles, water carrying trucks which are on order and other necessary material.

The Minister remarked that he was pleased that the time

came for employees to get the merited promotions. He was grateful for the help of Natalie Maduro and Aisha Martis who worked on the 8 National Decrees for the promotion of the 8 employees. The Minister indicated that there are 10 more employees in line for promotions. He expects to return in a matter of a few months for the other 10 promotions now in the pipeline. He was full of praise for the positive influence Santa Rosa has and for the direction in which they are headed.

NHC: Chance of hurricane near Windward Islands still at 60 percent

A low pressure system located about 1,450 miles east of The Windward Islands still has a high 60 percent chance of becoming a tropical cyclone over the next couple of days, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said in a report.

"Environmental conditions still appear favorable for a tropical depression to form during the next couple of days," the NHC said.

The NHC added the system moves westward at 5-10 miles per hour (8-16 km/h).

"Environmental conditions are not favorable for significant development," the NHC said, giving the area no chance

of becoming a tropical cyclone in 48 hours.

The center was also monitoring a low-pressure system 900 miles east of Martinique.

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MAC me over- is it time to revamp your makeup?

Island fashionistas and any woman who cares to look her best will be very pleased to learn that MAC Cosmetics has just opened an official outlet in the Oranjestad town square. The sleek shop is filled with the trendiest colors and combinations for up to the minute makeup to suit any occasion.

Assisting with the opening of the new store and training of the six MAC makeup artists in residence was Gisel Calvillo, Senior Artist/Trainer out of Miami. MAC has made their name not only for the fine quality of their cosmetics at an affordable price, but in particular, for their famous makeovers.



Gisel shows off the latest trend book to THE MORNING NEWS staffer Paula

fresh, natural effect.

Gisel demonstrated this



Seeking a singular look for a wedding or special occasion? MAC's makeup artists are ready to show how to make the most of your assets for the most memorable events. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate how you are applying your makeup, and whether still the most flattering look for you, or it is time to experience a MAC-over. Discover some of the most of the fabulous advances made in cosmetics, such as MAC's Mineralize line, which provides a truly

very look, which she personally prefers for everyday, including how important it is to have the right tools to achieve the desired finish.

one of the first cosmetic and skincare brands to closely ally with famous fashions weeks, and are the line of choice for may designers at over 850 such events each year.

The diversity of their collection is impressive, and Gisel cites the MAC motto: "all ages, all races and sexes" is the inspiration for their extensive collection.

Makeovers usually entail the purchase of five MAC products, and the services of the artist are free. A trip to the MAC store for any woman can very much be likened to letting a kid loose in a candy shop; if you have difficulty making choices, one of their resident experts can assist you in understanding your coloring, face and eye shape, and how best to enhance and diminish both



Makeup styles change with fashion trends, which are usually seasonal, and MAC issues their "Trendbook" twice a year, to keep up with these changes, and new collections almost monthly. They were

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by Rosalie Klein

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Suspension and recall of Arthrotec 75mg/200mg manufactured by Pfizer



ORANJESTAD -- The Aruba Department of Health - Medicine Inspection Sector informs the public they have suspended the distribution of two (2) batches of pills manufactured by Pfizer and issued under the name of Arthrotec 75mg/200mg.

The two batches are serial numbers C091234 and C100320, and are available on Aruba.

The reason for suspension and recall is because the batches may contain broken pills.

The Medicine Inspection Department kindly ask everyone who are using abovementioned medicine to check the number of the package, and if they coincide, to contact their drugstore.

Aruba receives Impressive Positive Fitch Ratings

ORANJESTAD -- This past week Aruba received the good news that we have maintained our Fitch IDR Ratings at level "BBB" and a country ceiling rating of A with a stable projection for the near future. This simply means that Aruba continues to maintain her position among the group of countries considered attractive with little to no risks for investors.

The Fitch Ratings Agency evaluates a country based on a number of factors. Among the factors considered are: the country's economic position, financial market, level of public and private investments, country reserves, and political stability. Such an evaluation by Fitch Rating is crucial to facilitating investment in a country.

Countries with a growing economy such as in Latin America today give a great deal of attention to receiving

or maintaining a positive rating; and more importantly, to achieving an "investment grade" rating such as the rating received by Aruba. The Aruba government's initiatives and programs on the economic and financial fronts have certainly contributed to Aruba getting this positive Fitch Rating evaluation!

As a result of the world economic crisis Fitch Rating has become extremely rigid in their evaluation. The process of evaluation is very intensive and involves different departments and government concerns.

According to Aruba's Minister of Economic Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer... "We have seen countries having great difficulty maintaining their position. Countries such as the USA, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Barbados, Puerto Rico and even Venezuela are struggling to

maintain their position."

The Fitch Rating reflects, with respect to our financial-economic policies, that Aruba is a country with relatively no risk and with the capability to comply with all her debt services.

Countries with a positive Fitch Rating are known to offer a positive and solid investment climate for investors. This gives those companies interested in investing in Aruba the opportunity to benefit from international financial markets, which is usually not possible in countries with a negative rating. This, obviously, makes Aruba a very attractive place to do business.

The mere fact that Aruba has been evaluated by Fitch Rating places Aruba in the spotlight of financial institutions. This is significant for investors, but also for institutions looking for investors to



invest in companies in their countries.

The Aruban government is making sizeable investments in necessary infrastructure to be able to create opportunities for new investments in the private sector so we can

ensure growth in our local companies.

Minister Winklaar-Hooyboer was notably very pleased with the announcement of the positive Fitch Rating for Aruba.

SCI-TECH

Astronauts dive deep in practice for asteroid visit

WASHINGTON (AFP) - When human space explorers reach an asteroid for the first time, NASA figures the experience will be more like swimming in space than walking on the Moon.

So the US space agency is taking a deep-sea approach to practicing for the first deep-space mission, which President Barack Obama has said could become a reality by 2025.

A team of international astronauts from the US, Japan and Canada is set launch the first 13-day undersea practice expedition in the Atlantic Ocean on October 17, NASA

said Monday.

"Gravity on an asteroid is negligible, so walking around on one isn't really an option," the US space agency said in a statement describing its aims with NASA's Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO).

The project will help astronauts practice their techniques in an environment mimicking that on an asteroid, using a submarine as a "spacecraft" and an underwater lab off the coast of Florida as the "asteroid."

The notion of visiting an asteroid presents a heap of logistical challenges, which NEEMO is the first to tackle.

Due to the lack of gravity, astronauts would have to toss down a series of anchors to stay attached, NASA said.

The surface of an asteroid is likely to vary significantly, from hard rock to dust, so where those anchors touch down makes a big difference. And the explorers will need to link up a network of anchors in order to move around.

"NEEMO 15 will require complex choreography between the submarines and aquanauts living and working in their undersea home," said Bill Todd, NEEMO project manager.

Dead Sea hosts mass nude photo shoot



DEAD SEA (AFP) - Dawn over the lowest spot on earth illuminated a Dead Sea very much alive over the weekend, as more than 1,000 floating nude Israelis posed for a mass shoot by US photographer Spencer Tunick.

The project, Tunick's first in the Middle East, is part of a bid to boost Israel's campaign to have the salt-saturated feature recognised as one of the world's seven nat-

ural wonders in a global online vote in November.

Experts warn that the Dead Sea could dry out by 2050 unless urgent steps are taken to halt its demise.

For Tunick, a Jewish American who has arranged naked human bodies over prominent landscapes and landmarks ranging from a Swiss glacier to the Sydney Opera House, a nude installation is an indicator of a host

country's openness.

"In some places the work is a little bit more controversial, and then in other places the works are accepted as a litmus test for how free a country is, or how open a country is, and how full of rights a country is," he told a pre-shoot press briefing.

Orthodox Jewish politicians and rabbis had protested over what they termed the "Sodom and Gomorrah" nature of Tunick's work, and threatened to take legal action against the plan to strip in public.

The Dead Sea's surface level is plunging by about a metre (39 inches) each year, and the shoreline has receded by more than a kilometre (0.6 mile) in places, according to some estimates.

For Ari Frucht, who initiated the project and has toiled over its preparations for the past four years, a work by Spencer Tunick could help raise awareness of the sea's condition and galvanise Israel's government into action.

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Italian scientists on trial for manslaughter over 2009 quake

ROME (AFP) - Top Italian scientists go on trial today, accused of manslaughter by playing down the risks of the devastating 2009 earthquake in the central city of L'Aquila in a case that some see as an unfair indictment of science.

Prosecutors allege that the seven defendants -- six leading scientists and a government official -- should have warned residents to flee their homes ahead of the April 6, 2009 quake that killed more than 300 people in the capital of Italy's Abruzzo region.

The experts were members of a panel that had met six days before the quake to assess risks after hundreds of tremors had shaken the medieval walled city.

At that meeting, the committee headed by Franco Barberi of the Civil Protection Agency analysed data on more than 400 low-magnitude tremors that shook the region during the previous four months and determined that the activity was not a prelude to a major quake.

The experts are accused of giving overly reassuring information to the local residents who could have taken adequate protective measures if they had been properly informed.

According to the indictment issued last May, the seven are suspected of "negligence and imprudence... of having provided an approximate, generic and ineffective assessment of seismic activity risks as well as incomplete, imprecise and contradictory information."

The experts had made it



clear that it was not possible to predict whether a stronger quake would occur but had recommended stricter enforcement of anti-seismic measures, particularly regarding building construction.

Many in the scientific community however argue that the case effectively amounts to putting science on trial.

In an open letter sent to Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, more than 5,000 scientists said the seven defendants essentially face criminal charges for failing to predict quakes, even though it remains technically impossible to pinpoint the time, location and strength of a future earthquake in the short term.

But Vincenzo Vittorini, a doctor who founded the association "309 martyrs" and lost his wife and daughter in the disaster, said, "I hope that this trial will change mindsets and will lead to greater attention given to communication on risks."

"No one expected to be told the exact time of the quake. We just wanted to be warned that we were sitting on a bomb," he added.

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Health & Living

Conjoined Sudanese twins doing well after separation: medics



LONDON (AFP) - British surgeons said Monday that one-year-old conjoined twins from Sudan were recovering well despite huge odds following four operations to separate the girls' fused heads.

Rital and Ritag Gaboura were born on September 22, 2010, in Khartoum with their skulls joined. They were flown to London in April for surgery funded by the British charity

Facing the World.

The final operation to separate them was on August 15 and doctors said the girls were now successfully getting used to life apart and did not appear to be suffering any neurological side effects.

Lead surgeon David Dunaway told a news conference said it was a "real surgical challenge, a very rare and complex operation, drawing

together many different disciplines."

Rital and Ritag are craniopagus twins, meaning they were born joined at the head, a rare condition of which only one in 10 million sufferers survive to infancy.

Their parents are both doctors and approached the charity for help but by the time they arrived in London in April Ritag's heart was already failing as it did most of the work for both girls.

The separation was carried out in four stages by a surgical team working for free. Two operations were performed in May and tissue expanders were inserted in July before the final separation was carried out last month.

Surgeons said the twins would need further surgery when they are older to improve the shape of their skulls.

UN leader accuses big business of health cover-up

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN leader Ban Ki-moon Monday accused some big corporations of putting public health at risk "to protect their own profits" as he launched a summit on everyday diseases killing tens of millions each year.

The summit on non-communicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes is only the second time that the annual UN General Assembly of world leaders has taken up a health issue.

But about 36 million people die each year from the diseases and the UN is predicting an explosion in the numbers, particularly in poor countries in Africa. A World Economic Forum report launched Monday said the world will spend \$47 trillion over the next two

decades treating the diseases.

Ban told the summit that governments had to launch prevention campaigns, but he also targeted companies who have been strongly attacked by health groups.

"I depend on our friends in industry to do what is right," the UN secretary general said. Ban called himself "a champion of the private sector" but said "some hard truths" must be recognized.

"There is a well-documented and shameful history of certain players in industry who ignored the science -- sometimes even their own research -- and put public health at risk to protect their own profits.

"There are many, many more industry giants which

acted responsibly. That is all the more reason we must hold everyone accountable -- so that the disgraceful actions of a few do not sully the reputation of the many which are doing such important work to foster our progress."

Ban called upon corporations that profit from selling processed foods to children "to act with the utmost integrity."

"I refer not only to food manufacturers, but also the media, marketing and advertising companies that play central roles in these enterprises," he told the summit.

"Those who profit from alcohol sales have to do their part to promote moderation in alcohol consumption. And we can all work to end tobacco use."

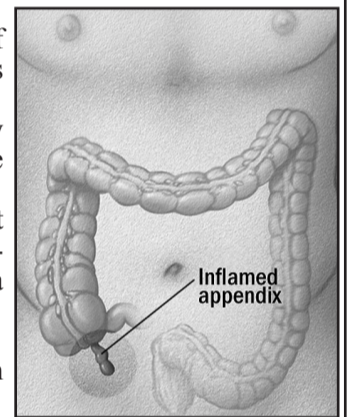
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Minister Dowers places the last plaque

2011 is the silver anniversary of Aruba achieving "Status Aparte;" an autonomously ruled entity within the Dutch Kingdom, apart from the other 5 islands of the Netherlands Antilles. Since the beginning

of the year, the 18th of each month has been a day when various societies or national organizations have opened exhibits showcasing their ties to this occasion. This year is also the 35th an-

niversary of the official unveiling of Aruba's own flag and national anthem, traditional landmarks of a nation establishing their own identity. 6 island institutions agreed to unveil various expositions each month in tribute to the national anthem "Aruba Dushi Terra," and this past Sunday evening, Bibliotica Nacional Aruba, BNA, presented their homage to a line in the chorus: "Grandeza di pueblo ta su gran cordialidad." "The greatness of your people is their great cordiality." The exhibit which opened in the courtyard of the BNA Archives Annex on Bachstraat in Oranjestad was a fitting presentation conceptualized by BNA executive Des Croes. As the library is a place of words, how better to exemplify the institution's purpose within the community than to present a parade of words to live by? 22 expressions were chosen, and various members of the community, ranging in age from a



The night finishes with Dande

7- year-old child to icons of education, literature, social activism and industry, presented them to the audience along with their interpretation of the words and their special meaning for the Aruban people. Each presenter was particularly suited to discourse on their interpretation of their topic; which sometimes included dance, song and other art forms along with quite some drama and humor, to demonstrate their point.

Presenters were, in order: Ernesto Rosenstand, Enrita Werleman, Benita Britt-Croes, Richard Harms, Olinda Rasmijn, Marco Chritiaans, Ailani Emanuels, Eta and Ziandra Figaroa, Olga Buckley, Elisabeth Pope, Willy Richarson, Mayra de Graaff, Joyce Bartels Daal, Faritah Luidens, Gregory Richardson, Jonathan Croes, Betty Werleman, Yosmar Sneek, Desiree Correa, Pancho Geerman, Victor Mathilda and Carlyle de Coteau. As each presenter spoke, their word, impressed on a plaque, was hung from the special display constructed for the occasion.

The words examined and elaborated upon were, in order: Words, courtesy, compassion,

amiability, appreciation, perseverance, family, generations, unity, liberty, honesty, hands, quality, smiles, harmony, discipline, spirituality, humility, affection, gratitude, solidarity, and inclusion.

The final word, "Bonbini"- "Welcome" was presented to Aruba's Minister of Justice and



Education, Arthur Dowers, to personally hang from the display, which will remain in the courtyard of the Archive Annex for the next 6 months. Also enjoying this tribute to "Aruba Dushi Terra" were co-composer with the late Rufo Wever, Juan Chabaya "Padu" Lampe, and Lio Booi, founder of Aruba's Institute of Culture, who added two couplets to the song before it was officially declared the island's anthem.

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Amazonia Churrascaria hosted the lovely dinner party in the private bar room, capped by an exceptional dessert experience, pampering diners with customized, delicious JetBlue cakes, frosted in company colors.



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8. Get around without crutches
11. Foliage item
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14. Nick Carter's secret agency
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19. Exited
20. New Hampshire's state tree
22. One Gabor sister
24. Pro-crown colonial
25. The ___ State

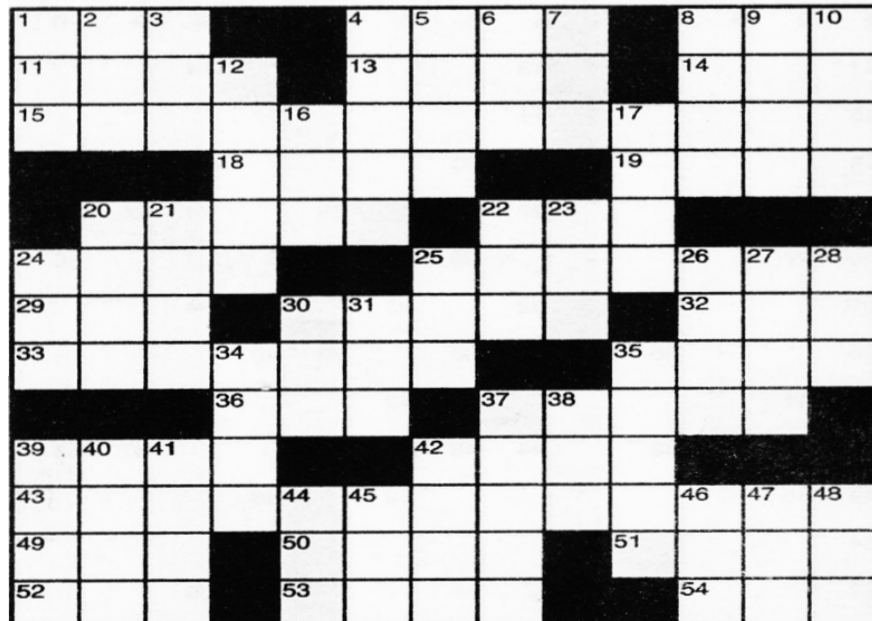
- (New Hampshire)
29. Balin or Claire
30. Show surprise
32. FDR's wife shunned them
33. New Hampshire's capital
35. Martin's Oscar-winning role in "Ed Wood"
36. Mouthpiece's mouthpiece: abbr.
37. New Hampshire's state flower
39. Out of
42. "In-A-Gadda-Da-___" (1968 hit)
43. State motto

- coined by Gen. John Stark
49. Dry ___
50. Cut of meat
51. "Goodbye ___" (Dixie Chicks hit)
52. Golfer's aim
53. Admits, with "up"
54. Blanc of a thousand voices

DOWN

1. London's ___ Vic
2. Pod dweller
3. UV's effect, eventually
4. Addressee of Sindbad's prayers
5. Points of decline
6. Pint glass

- filler
7. Arrest, slangily
8. Detest
9. Bunyan's Babe et al.
10. Annoyingly cute
12. Like some rhetoric
16. List extender
17. The Knight of the ___ (Lohengrin)
20. Pro ___ (gratis)
21. Tabriz's locale
22. Deviate
23. Vessel for holding dye
24. Sign of nerves
25. Flit
26. Brainstorm's baby brother
27. Après-bain substance
28. NOW cause
30. ___ sister
31. Song syllable
34. Made an appearance
35. Loud sound
37. Legal claims
38. "Honest ___" (Jimmy Reed hit)
39. Geraldine's alter ego
40. Like a señora with dinero
41. Concluded
42. Lode's locale
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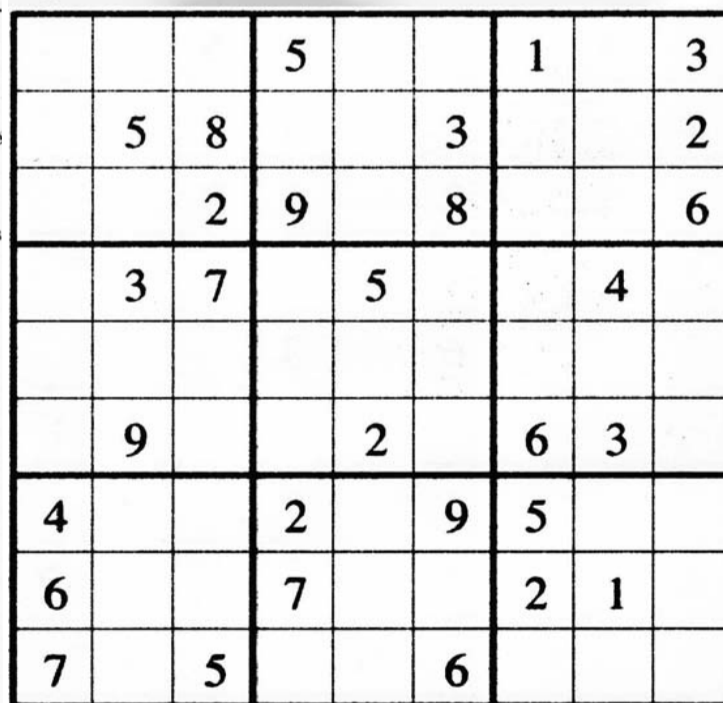
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Finance

Greece in creditor talks after default warning

ATHENS (AFP) - Greece was to continue talks with the IMF and EU on Tuesday after being warned to tighten austerity measures and ramp up state asset sales to secure rescue funds and stave off bankruptcy early next month.

Greek Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos held a conference call late on Monday with the heads of mission from the EU, IMF and European Central Bank to hammer out a response to serious slippage from agreed budget targets.

"(In) the conference call held this evening between the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Mr. Evangelos Venizelos, and high representatives of the Troika (European Central Bank, European Commission and International Monetary Fund) a productive and substantive discussion took place," the finance ministry said in an emailed statement.

"Tomorrow morning, the teams of technical experts already in Athens will further elaborate on some data and the conference call will be repeated tomorrow at the same time," the ministry said.

Greece is under pressure

from its international creditors to plug a budget hole of more than 2.0 billion euros (\$2.8 billion).

The government last week announced a new hefty property tax and is expected to make further cuts in the country's massive state payroll after the finance minister admitted there is "surplus" staff in the civil service.

The talks were held as the International Monetary Fund criticised Greece for wasting time and falling behind target with a long-delayed asset sale, while the European Commission urged Athens to implement the necessary budget cuts and reforms.

The IMF and EU warnings were a strong signal that the auditors are not ready to approve the next slice of funding under a first 110-billion-euro (\$150 billion) rescue of Greece created last year.

Greece has signalled that without the eight billion euros in loans it only has enough money to keep going until sometime next month.

The IMF's Traa forecast that the recession-hit Greek economy will recover from wave after wave of crisis cut-backs and tax rises to begin

growing in 2013.

But he warned that Greece would default without a sweeping sale of state assets that is a condition of a new 159-billion-euro (\$219-billion) EU bailout set up last month.

The IMF and the EU had expected Greece to gain access to borrowing markets months ago and to return to growth early in 2012.

Greece last year slashed its budget deficit by nearly five percent of output, a huge adjustment that was still not enough to meet targets.

European stock markets again fell sharply in response to inconclusive weekend EU talks in Poland on the eurozone crisis and signs of economic slowdown in Europe and the United States.

There is widespread speculation on financial markets that Greece risks not only bankruptcy but also departure from the eurozone, a possibility which would create chaos but which is strongly rejected by EU mainstays Germany and France.

Morgan Stanley economists predicted Monday that Greece would receive the next slice of aid and avoid bankruptcy this year however.

Top Republicans reject Obama debt-cutting plan

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Top Republicans in Congress on Monday rejected President Barack Obama's pugnacious demand for \$1.5 trillion in new taxes on the rich in a plan aimed at reining in the galloping US deficit.

"Pitting one group of Americans against another is not leadership," said Republican House Speaker John Boehner, whom Obama

specifically targeted in an acerbic, campaign-style speech to lay out his proposal.

Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell also bluntly dismissed the plan, which ran headlong into lockstep opposition from Republicans who say raising taxes on the rich and wealthy corporations will smother job growth.

"Veto threats, a massive tax hike, phantom savings, and punting on entitlement reform is not a recipe for economic or job growth -- or even meaningful deficit reduction," said McConnell.

Opposition from Boehner and McConnell means Obama's gambit is unlikely to clear the Republican-held House of Representatives and faces high hurdles in the Democratic-led Senate ahead of the November 2012 elections.

Boehner complained that the president had "not made a serious contribution" to the

work of a new congressional "Supercommittee" tasked with finding at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit cuts over ten years.

"This administration's insistence on raising taxes on job creators and its reluctance to take the steps necessary to strengthen our entitlement programs are the reasons the president and I were not able to reach an agreement previously, and it is evident today that these barriers remain," said Boehner.

The speaker was referring to the bruising debt-limit battle in which conservative Republican anger at a call for increased revenues scuttled a burgeoning deal between him and Obama to pare back social safety net programs dear to Democrats while boosting tax receipts.

"The good news is that the Joint Committee is taking this issue far more seriously than the White House," said McConnell.



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Europe debt worries sink US stocks

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks slid Monday, snapping a five-session winning streak as traders worried about a possible Greek public debt default and eurozone inaction to confront the crisis.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average skidded 108.08 points (0.94 percent) to finish at 11,401.01.

The broader S&P 500 dropped 11.92 points (0.98 percent) to 1,204.09, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite fell 9.48 points (0.36 percent) to 2,612.83.

Wall Street was firmly in

sell mode after European Union finance ministers over the weekend failed to find a convincing way to tackle Greece's sovereign debt crisis.

Financials were under pressure from the uncertainties linked to the European crisis: Bank of America shed 3.3 percent, JPMorgan Chase fell 2.8 percent and Citigroup dived 4.4 percent.

The 10-year Treasury bond yield fell to 1.94 percent from 2.08 percent Friday, while the 30-year bond dropped to 3.19 percent from 3.34 percent

Oil slides on fresh jitters over Greek debt crisis

NEW YORK (AFP) - More worries about the European debt crisis and global growth sent oil prices tumbling Monday.

As Greek default worries spilled through the markets and Athens's talks with creditors intensified, New York's main contract, WTI light sweet crude for October delivery, dived \$2.26 to close at \$85.70 a barrel.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for November closed down \$3.08 to \$109.14.

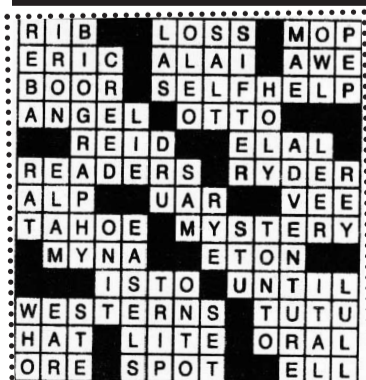
Heightened tensions between Athens and its bailout

lenders, the European Union, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund, kept a cloud over the oil markets.

Also having an impact were reports that the OPEC secretary general said Europe's economic problems and high joblessness in the United States were causing slower growth in oil demand.

"Obviously the oil market believes that demand will fall as well and the market seems to be suggesting further weakness as we move forward," said Phil Flynn of PFG Best.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet



cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

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'Mad Men,' 'Modern Family' win Emmys glory



Mad Men received its fourth consecutive Emmy for best drama



Actress Kate Winslet holds the award for Outstanding Lead Actress in "Mildred Pierce" at the 63rd annual Primetime Emmy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Cult ad agency drama "Mad Men" won the best drama Emmy for the fourth year late Sunday, while "Modern Family" again took the comedy glory at US television's awards show.

British shows also triumphed at the annual Hollywood show, the Oscars of the small screen, with Kate Winslet leading a string of Brits taking gongs, notably for "Downton Abbey."

"Mad Men," which has spawned a host of lookalike shows, fought off the strongly-tipped "Boardwalk Empire" to take the best drama Emmy at the climax of the show.

The brilliantly-stylized AMC show, about life in a 1960s New York advertising agency, won even though its last series ended in October 2010, and it will not return to the screen until next March.

"We are so grateful to the television academy for recognizing this show again, recognized by our peers. We want to

thank the fans of the show who support it so wholeheartedly," said executive producer Matthew Weiner.

The "Mad Men" success came shortly after "Titanic" co-star Winslet won the best actress in a mini-series Emmy for her role in period drama "Mildred Pierce."

The Oscar-winning star plays a divorcee single mother who opens a restaurant to survive in the Great Depression in the drama, for which her English-born Australian co-star Guy Pearce won best supporting actor Emmy moments earlier.

Winslet gave a short acceptance speech saying she "didn't think we were going to win anything" -- until her gong it had been having a disappointing night -- before thanking her mother.

Winslet's success came on a big night for another British period drama, "Downton Abbey."

The show, about the aristocratic Crawley family, pipped "Mildred Pierce" to win best mini-series, while Maggie Smith won best supporting actress, Julian Fellowes best writer and Brian Percival best director.

In other drama categories, legendary filmmaker Martin Scorsese won best drama director Emmy for his pilot of HBO's "Boardwalk Empire," while best drama actor went to Kyle Chandler for football drama "Friday Night Lights."

While "Mad Men" and Winslet were the highlights on the drama front, "Modern Family" was the unquestioned comedy king at Sunday night's ceremony.

The show, which casts a satirical light on the lives of three families, started the night by winning the first four Emmys announced, and ended it with the best comedy gong, for the second year running.

Julie Bowen won for best supporting actress in a comedy, best supporting actor went to Ty Burrell, best director to Michael Spiller and best comedy writers Steve Levitan and Jeffrey Richman.

"Welcome to the Modern Family awards," ad libbed hostess Jane Lynch at one point during the glittering show at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" was the other big comedy winner of the night, taking the Outstanding Variety, Music Or Comedy Series award for an astonishing ninth year in a row.

Jim Parsons won his second straight Emmy for best actor in "The Big Bang Theory," while Melissa McCarthy was best actress for "Mike & Molly".

Comic turns also included Britain's Ricky Gervais, in a cut-edited recorded contribution riffing on his reputation for saying the unacceptable at awards shows, notably last year's Golden Globes where he was host.

Charlie Sheen makes peace, ahead of new TV show

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Perennially troubled actor Charlie Sheen held out an olive branch Sunday to his former bosses on hit TV show "Two and a Half Men" -- and even cuddled up with his replacement, Ashton Kutcher.

Sheen, who was sacked from the show in March after criticizing its producer and then went on a months-long public meltdown, has appeared chastened in chat-show appearances in the last week, as his new TV show airs this week.

"I want to take a moment to get something off my chest and say a few words to every-

body here from "Two and a Half Men," Sheen said, before announcing the winner of the best actor Emmy, or what he called "my old category."

"From the bottom of my heart, I wish you nothing but the best for this upcoming season. We spent eight wonderful years together and I know you will continue to make great television," he said.

Kutcher, who joined the show in May, drew laughter when he came on later in the show to present another category's winner, deadpanning: "I am not Charlie Sheen."

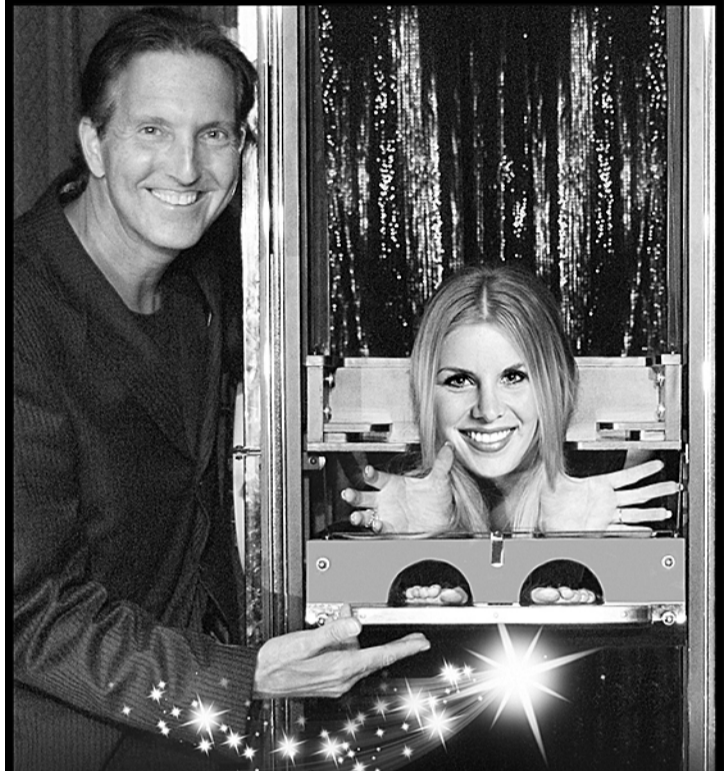
There was no on-stage reconciliation, but after the show

Sheen tweeted a picture of himself and Kutcher together, with the tweet: "Giving the new kid a little advice..!".

Sheen, who earned \$2 million a show for his role as a hedonistic bachelor, was fired from "Two and a Half Men" for slamming its producer Chuck Lorre in outbursts described by his bosses as part of a "self-inflicted disintegration."

Sheen's new show is due to screen Monday evening, at almost exactly the same time as the return of "Two and a Half Men" on CBS with Kutcher in the lead.

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Yankees' Rivera sets major league saves record



NEW YORK (AFP) - New York Yankees closing relief ace Mariano Rivera set a Major League Baseball record with his 602nd career

save, throwing a perfect ninth inning on Monday to complete a 6-4 victory over Minnesota.

Two days after the 41-

ond base and Michael Cud-dyer flew out to right field to build the drama.

Rivera managed the final bow himself, striking out Chris Parmelee to finish off his quest for the record. Parmelee watched the called third strike rocket past him into the catcher's glove to complete the feat.

"I never dreamed about this," Rivera said. "From Panama to now, it was a tremendous journey. It's wonderful to be number one. My whole country is supporting me. I thank them for that."

A raucous crowd stood during the entire ninth inning at Yankee Stadium and roared with delight after Rivera made the final out. Teammates ran and hugged him to celebrate.

Asked if he felt like the greatest relief pitcher of all time, Rivera was humble and praised the teammates whose

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Mariano Rivera
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Billy Wagner	\$6,857	\$92.9M	\$220k	\$103k	\$34k
Francisco Rodriguez	\$5,684	\$54.7M	\$188k	\$85k	\$28k
Trevor Hoffman	\$4,915	\$80.3M	\$134k	\$74	\$25k
Top five career earners among starters		Per win			
Pedro Martinez	\$3,449	\$146.3M	\$668k	\$52k	\$17k
Randy Johnson	\$2,830	\$175.6M	\$579k	\$42k	\$14k
Mike Mussina	\$2,705	\$144.5M	\$535k	\$41k	\$13k
Greg Maddux	\$2,048	\$153.8M	\$433k	\$31k	\$10k
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year-old Panamanian right-hander equaled the all-time saves mark set by Trevor Hoffman, he baffled the Twins' final three batters for his 43rd save of the year and 14th consecutive converted save opportunity.

"This moment is great," Rivera said. "It has been wonderful. My team has been wonderful. We won. That's the most important thing."

The Yankees jumped ahead 5-0 after three innings before Minnesota rallied within a run, then added an insurance run in the sixth to set the stage for Rivera's bid at history.

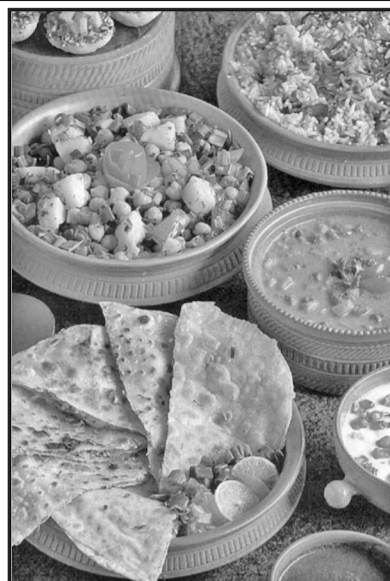
In the top of the ninth inning, Minnesota's Trevor Plouffe grounded out to sec-

ond base and Michael Cud-dyer flew out to right field to build the drama.

"I don't know if I'm the greatest. I consider myself a man blessed," Rivera said. "All I can say is 'Thank God for my teammates.' They gave me the opportunities. I would never talk about myself. It's impossible."

For his 17-season major league career, all of it with the Yankees, Rivera is 75-57 with a 2.22 earned-run average over 1,209 innings.

Rivera has been part of five Yankees teams that won World Series titles, helping spark the legendary squad to crowns in 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2009.



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Neymar quells rumours, says he is staying put



SAO PAULO (AFP) - Star Brazilian striker Neymar on Monday put paid to rumours linking him to a big money transfer to Spain saying he was staying with Santos.

The 19-year-old had been linked with a move to Spanish giants Real Madrid and also to a lesser extent their bitter rivals Champions League holders Barcelona.

"I am happy here and I

have no reason to leave," said Neymar at a specially-convened press conference.

"To be happy is what is important."

Only in August it had been reported by the usually well-informed Spanish Madrid-based sports daily newspaper Marca that Neymar had signed and would arrive after the World Club Championship in December.

However, he appeared to put that in doubt only a couple of days later when in an interview he praised Barcelona and also said he would be staying with Santos, with whom he won the Libertadores Cup earlier this year.

Neymar's current deal with Santos is worth almost two million dollars a season through to 2015.

Tiger to face Japanese women in charity event

ORLANDO (AFP) - Tiger Woods, who barely qualified for his own charity tournament, announced Monday that he will compete in a charity golf event in Japan on November 1 against three top women's players.

"Challenge! Tiger Woods" will be staged at the Masters Golf Club in Miki City, where the Japanese LPGA's Ladies Masters is contested, with Woods playing nine holes against JLPGA players Miho Koga, Shinobu Mo-

romizato and Rui Kitada.

The three Japanese prefectures most devastated by earthquakes and the tsunami last March will each receive 45 million yen in donations from the event to fund relief efforts.

Woods will return to US PGA action October 6-9 at the Frys.com Open in San Martin, California, and travels to Asia before joining the US team in trying to retain the Presidents Cup against an International side in November at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

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Teen star Thompson must wait to join LPGA



PRATTVILLE (AFP) - Lexi Thompson has already made LPGA history, becoming the youngest winner of a tour event at age 16, but she is going to have to wait even longer before becoming a member of the tour.

The home-taught US high school senior won the LPGA Navistar Classic on Sunday, taking a \$195,000 top prize and shattering the youngest win mark of 18 years and two weeks set by Marlene Hagge at the 18-hole Sarasota Open in 1952.

That would normally be good enough to claim a place in the LPGA, but Thompson does not meet the minimum age requirement of 18 years old.

Thompson had to petition the LPGA for an exemption to compete in the qualifying event for the 2012 LPGA season. She won the first of three stages in the "qualifying school" by 10 strokes in July.

Despite being one of the top American personalities on a tour struggling to rebuild after losing several US events in recent years, Thompson must play her way through qualifying to earn LPGA membership in 2012.

"Should Lexi qualify for LPGA membership via her Q-School performance, she will be an LPGA member for the 2012 season," LPGA commissioner Mike Whan said.

US veteran Juli Inkster said any delay in having Thompson take her place among the sport's elite was ridiculous in light of her performance last week.

"It's kind of silly," Inkster said. "I think it makes us, the LPGA, look bad too. She has proved she can play out here. Now you have to go to qualifying school? To me that's silly."

Carvalho dreaming of Champions League final

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid's veteran Portuguese centre-back Ricardo Carvalho is already dreaming of playing in the Champions League final next May.

The nine-time European champions have not reached the finals of the Champions League since 2002 despite being stacked with top talent but the 33-year-old says the Spanish giants are highly motivated this season.

"We reached the semi-finals last season (they were beaten by bitter rivals Barcelona), which means we did well, but we want to do better this year," he said in an interview posted on the club's website.

"We'll need to be in the final if we want the trophy."

"After the present stage we'll play two games in each ensuing round, and you have to play very well in both."

"You can't afford to do well in one and then so-so or badly in the other. We'll have to give good performances in both and also have a little

luck to go through."

Carvalho also heaped praise on Real's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho, who he worked under at both Portuguese side Porto - where they both won the 2004 Champions League trophy - and English Premier League side Chelsea.

"He works on every single detail and very well on a daily basis. He wants you to improve every day."

"It's only normal that you grow as a player, and also as a man, when you work with him."

"I'm very proud of working with him for such a long time. It's special to be next to him."

The former Portuguese international - who brought an abrupt end to his stellar international career late last month by walking out on the eve of a crucial Euro 2012 qualifier - joined Real in August 2010 from Chelsea on a two year contract.

Falcons spoil Vick's return to Atlanta



At left: Michael Vick heads off the field after being injured ; at right: Members of the Atlanta Falcons celebrate

ATLANTA (AFP) - Michael Vick returned to the scene of his greatest NFL triumphs but it was a less-than-graceful appearance Sunday for the quarterback who was sentenced to two years in jail for dogfighting.

Vick received a mixture of boos and cheers from the Atlanta crowd when he was introduced before the start of the Falcons' 35-31 win over Vick's Philadelphia Eagles.

Vick was knocked out of the game with a neck injury late in the third quarter after running into one of his own players. He spit up blood on the sidelines before being taken by the training staff to the dressing room.

Vick heard more boos as he walked to the exit tunnel and answered by pointing to the scoreboard, which showed the Eagles with a small lead at the time against his former team.

Eagles coach Andy Reid said Vick suffered a concussion.

And their lead didn't last long as quarterback Matt Ryan threw a career-best four touchdown passes and the Falcons rallied to win.

"It was a wild one but we kept making plays and kept battling," Ryan said.

Ryan threw a pair of touchdown strikes to tight end Tony Gonzalez, who surpassed Terrell Owens for fifth on the NFL's career-receiving list. Ryan then connected with Ovie Mughelli on a one-yard score that cut the Eagles' lead to 31-28 with just over six minutes left.

Vick last played for the Falcons in 2006. A year later he pleaded guilty to federal charges for his involvement in a brutal dogfighting ring.

Once he got out of prison, Vick joined the Eagles in 2009

as a third-string quarterback but soon worked his way into the No. 1 role.

He started the 2010 campaign as the backup to Kevin Kolb but took over the starting job after the first game of the season. Kolb eventually was traded.

Vick was once a superstar with the Falcons, who drafted him first overall in 2001.

Elsewhere, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a six-yard touchdown pass to David Nelson with 14 seconds left to cap a wild see-saw fourth-quarter and power the Buffalo Bills to a 38-35 win over the Oakland Raiders.

The Bills scored touchdowns on all five of their second-half possessions to overcome a 21-3 first-half deficit. The teams traded leads five times over the final 14:10.

"I can't recall one quite like that," Bills coach Chan Gailey said. "It was an amazing gut-check by our football team. What they did coming out of half-time was really amazing."

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for 308 yards and two scores, while the Packers staved off another 400-yard passing day from Carolina rookie Cam Newton to beat the Panthers 30-23.

A week after throwing for 422 yards, Newton outdid himself by throwing for 432 yards and a touchdown.

But Newton wasn't in celebratory mood.

"We've just got to get it right. We're going to get it right," Newton said. "But I'm not the person to just sit up here and say, 'Well, we have next time.' I'm not that type of person. I want it right now and I want to get it right now."

Tony Romo, playing with a fractured rib, connected with Jesse Holley on a 77-yard completion on the Cowboys' first play of overtime that set up a winning field goal as Dallas came from behind to beat San Francisco 27-24.

Romo completed five of six passes on the tying drive, hitting consecutive throws to Holley before finding him again in overtime.

"Ribs are tough," Romo said. "It's just hard to breathe, and talk really. You have to talk loud, especially on the road."

In other games it was: Pittsburgh 24 Seattle 0, New Orleans 30 Chicago 13, Tennessee 26 Baltimore 13, Tampa Bay 24 Minnesota 20, Detroit 48 Kansas City 3, N.Y. Jets 32 Jacksonville 3, Washington 22 Arizona 21, Cleveland 27 Indianapolis 19, Denver 24 Cincinnati 22, Houston 23 Miami 13 and New England 35 San Diego 21.





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Players could strike over schedule: Murray

LONDON (AFP) - Leading men's tennis players could go on strike if the ATP schedule is not reformed, claimed world number four Andy Murray on Monday.

The 24-year-old Scot told the BBC that he had held several talks with other players at the US Open and they would be discussing the matter further at the Shanghai Masters early next month.

Matters came to a head at the US Open where rain forced some players such as Spanish star Rafael Nadal to play matches on three successive days then have one day

off and travel to Europe to play Davis Cup.

The players were also incensed by the announcement last year by ATP chief executive Adam Helfant, who has since decided to leave the governing body, that the Paris Masters and the World Tour Finals would be played back-to-back, so two weeks have been saved in the 2012 ATP calendar.

However, Murray made clear the players' patience was wearing thin.

"It's (a strike) a possibility. I know from speaking to some players they're not

afraid of doing that (striking)," said Murray, who was beaten by Nadal in the US Open semi-finals.

"Let's hope it doesn't come to that but I'm sure the players will consider it."

Murray, was adamant that their voices had to be heard

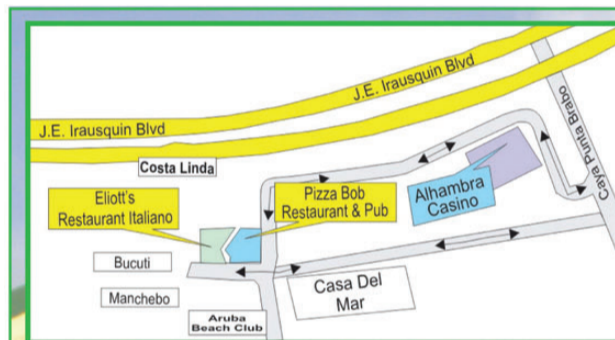
and that a strike or boycott will be discussed in Shanghai.

"We just want things to change, really small things. Two or three weeks during the year, a few less tournaments each year, which I don't think is unreasonable."

ITF president Francesco Ricci Bitti said last week that complaints by Nadal over the Davis cup scheduling were "inconsistent", saying players voted for the current dates, against the ITF's wishes, back in 2009.



JOLIET, IL - SEPTEMBER 19: Tony Stewart, driver of the #14 Office Depot/Mobil 1 Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series GEICO 400 at Chicagoland Speedway yesterday in Joliet, Illinois. Kevin Harvick, held on for second and Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished third. (NASCAR/AFP)



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